**Guidance Note on the General Debate of the**

**11th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the**

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The Bureau of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure (CRPD/CSP/2008/3), has agreed on the following:

1. During the 11th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, there will be a General Debate, immediately following the Opening at the first meeting on 12 June 2018.

2. All States Parties and Observers that wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers are requested to inform the Secretariat between 22 May (Tuesday) to 4 June (Monday). Further information will be available in the UN Journal.

3. The list of speakers will be produced on a first-come, first-served basis, taking into account the protocol of the United Nations.

4. Considering the time constraints all statements should be limited to three minutes; the 3-minute time limit will be enforced effectively.

5. All States Parties and Observers may submit their full statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal at <https://papersmart.unmeetings.org/convention-treaty/crpd/cosp-crpd/11th-session/programme>. Submissions will be reflected in the official report of the Conference.

6. To ensure accessibility, States Parties and Observers are kindly requested to forward their statements in accessible Microsoft Word format via email to zhangg@un.org and copy to papersmart4@un.org before or during the Conference.